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SUBJECT: SILBERMAN ILO MISSION AND PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

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1. JAPANESE ECONOMIC MINISTER FUKADA CALLED ON IO ASST. SECRETARY LEWIS FEB 13 TO ASK ABOUT: (A) PURPOSE OF SILBERMAN VISIT TO TOKYO; (B) TYPE OF CHANGES USG SEEKS TO AVOID WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO.

2. LEWIS' REPLY RE (A) WAS VERY GENERAL IN NATURE. HE SAID APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY TO TALK AT POLITICAL LEVEL WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IS EVIDENCE NOT ONLY OF GREAT IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO ILO BUT OF OUR STRONG HOPE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WILL SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO REFORM ILO IN WAY WHICH WILL MAKE POSSIBLE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION.

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3. ON (B) LEWIS SAID ONE PURPOSE OF SILBERMAN VISIT IS TO
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EXPLORE TYPE OF CHANGE USG SEEKING IN GREATER DEPTH. HE

SAID CHANGES ARE NOT OF TECHNICAL OR MINOR NATURE BUT TOUCH THOSE DEALT WITH IN OUR LETTER OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW OF NOVEMBER 1975.

4. MR. FUKADA THEN COMMENTED ON DEEP SIGNIFICANCE, IN CONTEXT US RELATIONS WITH UN SYSTEM, IF USG WERE TO LEAVE MAJOR SPECIALIZED AGENCY SUCH AS ILO. LEWIS AGREED SUCH STEP WOULD BE SERIOUS AND SAID WE HOPE VERY MUCH IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.

5. LEWIS ALSO MENTIONED TO FUKADA RECEIPT OF REFTEL. HE EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR OKAWA'S SUGGESTION AND SAID, WHILE IT STILL TOO EARLY TO DECIDE, WE HOPE VERY MUCH PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS CAN BE HELD IN TOKYO THIS YEAR. INGERSOLL

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